REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 14 as set forth in Appendix I of this paper are now pending in this case. Claims 9 to 14 have been added as indicated to further bring out some of the subsidiary embodiments of the process defined in Claim 7. The subject matter defined in new Claims 9 to 11, new Claims 12 and 14, and new Claim 13 is addressed in the application on page 12, indicated lines 23 to 39, on page 2, indicated lines 45 and 46, and on page 10, indicated lines 21 to 28, respectively. No new matter has been added.

Additionally, applicants herewith enclose a Declaration pursuant to Rule 131, executed by Prof. Dr. R. Köhn and Drs. H. Maas, S. Mihan, G. Seifert and J. Tropsch. As stated by declarants, the disclosure of the olefin trimerization with 1,3,5-triazacyclohexane complexes of chromium which took place at the 215th ACS Meeting in Dallas, March 29 to April 02, 1998, and which is summarized in the Book of Abstracts of said ACS Meeting, was made by co-inventor Prof. Dr. R. Kröhn on his behalf and on behalf of his co-inventors Drs. H. Maas, S. Mihan, G. Seifert and J. Tropsch. Since the *ACS Report* is accordingly not prior art which is applicable against the invention disclosed and claimed in the application it is respectfully requested that the rejections under Sections 102(b) and 103(a) based on the *ACS Report* be withdrawn. Favorable action is solicited.

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